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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1904.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mr. H. N. Upton was in South Paris last Thursday.

Mr. Fred Bartlett is confined to the house with measles.

Sap runs when it can, but the most of the time it can't.

Mrs. Marion Dudley is spending a month in Worcester, Mass.

Hollis Coolidge spent Sunday with his wife at her father's.

Mr. E. C. Bowler took a business trip to Boston and New York last week.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Ira Jordan Thursday afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. entertained the Federation Tuesday afternoon at Pattee chapel.

Mrs. Horace Foster has been spending the past week with her mother in Newry.

William Gunther has returned from Boston, where he went to find employment.

Was it really an earthquake, or was it simply the Japs bombarding Port Arthur again?

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coolidge are getting nicely settled in their new home on Church street.

Mr. Fairfield Coolidge is able to get out to the barn on pleasant days with the aid of his crutch.

Miss Ethel Hammons started for Washington D. C., yesterday, for a two weeks' pleasure trip.

Mr. Chas. Tidswell has returned from the Maine General Hospital, where he was operated upon for appendicitis.

Mr. T. B. Kendall and grandson, Guy Kendall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hawley at Mechanic Falls.

The Columbian Club will meet with Miss True on Saturday, March 26, at three o'clock p. m. As usual all are cordially invited.

Harry Purington was in Brunswick last week to attend the annual indoor meet at Bowdoin. He is to enter Bowdoin next fall.

O. H. Sawtelle has received an increase of pension. Congress has granted him double what he was getting, making twenty-four dollars per month. He is soon to return to his daughter's, as his health is very poor, caused by a severe attack of grip.

The spring number of the Academy Herald has just been issued. It is the largest and most attractive number that has ever been published by the students of the school. It is printed on coated book paper and contains several portraits, besides original drawings for the various headings, and also a new cover design. The number is an interesting one from start to finish, and it should have a ready sale. It will be sent by mail to any address upon receipt of eighteen cents. Address Harry Purington, Business Manager, Bethel, Maine.

The initial number of "Not Quite," a magazine edited by members of the Universalist society, was issued from their press in Odeon Hall last Thursday evening. If all press days passed off as smoothly and pleasantly as, to all appearances the work of that evening did, we should all enter the publishing business at once. The copy was all in in season, there were no typographical errors, the power was even, the press very quiet, and it was issued in season that its editors might join the merry dancers, although we were told that "Wit and Wisdom" was omitted from its columns in order that it might be "out on time." It was a remarkably well gotten up edition, and congratulations are due all who in any way assisted in the publication. We shall look forward with pleasure to the second number. Music was furnished for the dance by an orchestra of four pieces which made its appearance in public for the first time. It was very pleasing and was as follows: piano, Miss Ruth King; violins, Galen Carter and Frank King; clarinet, George King.

Mrs. Lucy Leach is at home. Frank Ballard of Gilead, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Rollins is to occupy the lower rent in Mr. Spearin's house.

Mrs. Harold Chapman and son Ruel returned to Norway, Friday.

Mrs. Roxanna Bean is spending a few weeks with her son Carl and family.

Mr. Copeland went to Norway, Paris and Hartford and vicinity this week.

Mrs. Eugene Martin and daughter Mona are spending a few days at West Bethel.

Mr. Moses Mason has been confined to his home for a number of days by illness.

Mr. Frank Barker has moved into the Bisbee rent on Clark street, recently vacated by Gerry Morgan.

Miss Stearns has been in Berlin, N. H., the past week, called there by the critical illness of her little niece.

Mrs. Martha B. Chapman is enjoying the delightful hospitality of the family at the Chapman Homestead in Gilead.

Mr. H. V. Starrett was in town last Wednesday, in the interest of the Maine Register, published by G. E. Donham of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston and daughter Bertha went to their former home in Errol, N. H., Sunday returning Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ira Jordan has sold his intervalle land to Mr. Fritz Tyler and has purchased the Jacob Annas place, a short distance from the village.

John Wight of South Paris, was in town Sunday, accompanied by his little daughter who will remain with her aunt, Mrs. Mina Harri-man, for a visit.

The ladies of the Congregational society will hold a food sale in Garland chapel Thursday afternoon. The ladies are requested to carry any kind of pastry and jellies.

It is said that the sum of \$250 has been raised by subscription for Mr. Frank Barker whose house was burned a week ago. We trust there are others who will see their way to add to this list.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, traveling agent for the Grand Trunk, made the News a call last week. We are assured that the Grand Trunk is to give the service to St. Louis during the exposition and at terms, considering the route, unequaled by any other road or roads. The schedule of fares for this division has been arranged, but we are not permitted to publish it yet. We will say, however, for the benefit of the scores of people who have asked, that the rate is a very low one, the fares from Bethel being several dollars less than from Boston.

Somewhat of a curiosity was brought to the News office last Saturday in the form of a lemon. One would not suppose that such fruit would grow during the past rigorous winter, but this Wonder lemon under the care of Mrs. C. O. Demeritt of Ketchum, had grown until it reached the dimensions nine and one-half by eight inches when it dropped from the tree. The tree which is only one and one-half feet high, was purchased about one year ago, blossomed and bore three lemons, two of them dropping off sometime ago. While the fruit was growing, the tree again blossomed. The flowers are said to be very fragrant.

Miss Lillian Morrill a little girl eleven years of age died at the home of her uncle Isaac S. Morrill last Sunday of appendicitis. A little over a week ago this disease developed and last Wednesday Dr. Oakes of Auburn came and performed an operation. Thursday she was as comfortable as could be expected but by Saturday no hopes were entertained of her recovery and Sunday morning she passed away. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon Rev. F. C. Potter officiating. Interment was at Mason. Miss Lillian was the daughter of Mrs. Dana Morrill of West Bethel who has the sympathy of her friends at this time of sorrow.

Judge A. E. Herrick will sail from Boston next Saturday on the Republic of the White Star Line for Naples, Italy, where he will join Mrs. Herrick and daughter Margaret. After a few days at Naples they will make a tour of Italy and other European countries, returning home about June 1.

OBITUARY.

A Tribute to the Memory of Mr. George Henry Shirley.

At the ripe age of eighty seven years George Henry Shirley passed away Mar. 14, at his residence 375 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Shirley was born in Portland, Maine, Sept. 13, 1816 the son of Arthur Shirley, editor and proprietor of the Daily Courier the first daily newspaper published in that city. He worked for many years with his father having received his education in the schools of his native city. They started the Christian Mirror which has since been incorporated with the Congregationalist. Descended from the old staunch Puritan stock he naturally became interested in all that tended to uphold righteousness and temperance. He became editor and publisher of the "Washingtonian" and was associated with Gen. Neal Dow in his temperance crusade and their work in Cumberland and Oxford counties and a part of New Hampshire during the "old Washingtonian" movement will be recalled by the older people. The writer has many times listened with interest to reminiscences of those days from his own lips. He was a life long friend of Gen. Dow. Mr. Shirley was ever to the last a staunch advocate of temperance and knew no such word as surrender, always ready with voice and money to help in this cause.

Holding positive views on moral questions he was ever generous with his opponents and accorded to them the same rights he claimed for himself. He was firm in the "faith of his fathers" and no modern isms turned him from his calm unwavering faith in God's word and His Providences. To him, God was the same yesterday, today and forever and as he walked down the sunset of life's journey toward the Eternal City it was with a calm, peaceful looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. A teacher of a Bible Class in Brooklyn for thirty years it was his privilege to impress his personality upon many young men and women who have been made truer and nobler for his wise counsels and spiritual teachings.

He held a position under the U. S. Government for forty years and with such unquestioning honesty that political changes did not remove him from his position in the New York Custom House. He numbered among his personal friends Vice Pres. Hannibal Hamlin, James G. Blaine and Thomas B. Reed.

It is to Mr. Shirley's more intimate domestic life that those who knew him best will love to turn in loving memory. In his home, although he ruled with the dignity of the old school when the parents were both loved and revered, yet his thoughtfulness of others and deep sympathy made him self-sacrificing and a devoted husband and father.

His charities were not given in one munificent gift, but all along his everyday journey he was always bestowing gifts upon those in need not only of this world's goods, but words of sympathy to the broken hearted, courage to the discouraged and cheer to those needing a helpful word and warm handclasp.

Although deeply interested in all civic and religious matters in the city of his adoption and by voice and note working for better things, he never lost his loyalty to his native city and State.

He will be much missed by the citizens of Bethel who have for more than forty summers welcomed him to Bethel and whose familiar face seen upon our streets every day, seemed to be a part of our summer's pleasure and the oft time guest to Sunset Lodge, the loved so well, will miss the

thoughtfulness and courtesy he always had to bestow.

Mr. Shirley married Miss Mary Colcord of Portland who died fifteen years ago. He is survived by one son Rev. Arthur Shirley of Stratford, Conn., Misses Isabel and Mary Shirley and Mrs. Ezra T. Russell and one granddaughter Miss Shirley Russell.

A good man, a trusted friend and noble christian has passed beyond the portal we call death and entered into the presence of the King. The many Bethel friends extend warm sympathy and will ever hold in loving remembrance the memory of this good man.
EMMA WOODBURY CHANDLER.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Gilbert Chapman who died at Rumford Falls, March 12, 1904, was a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Clark Barker, and was born in Bethel, Feb. 4, 1830.

Those who knew her in her girlhood remember her as being of a particularly sweet and amiable disposition—attracting friends by her gentle goodness.

Jan. 2, 1849, she became the third wife of Gilbert Chapman, assuming the responsible position of mother to one daughter of five years and another of little more than a year old. She fulfilled the duties thus taken upon herself as few of her age would have been capable of doing, and devoted herself to the interests of the family with characteristic unselfishness.

She guided the domestic affairs of the hotel of which Mr. Chapman was proprietor, and by her bright, genial presence and her thoughtfulness and energy made it a home to weary travelers.

As years passed other children came to share her warm, motherly affections. She used to affirm the elder daughters were just as dear as her own. In point of comradeship she seemed like a wise and protecting elder sister, so fully did she enter into sympathy with all that pertained to their young lives.

Removing from West Bethel, the family settled on a farm on the north side of the Androscoggin, and the whole neighborhood soon felt the magic of her loving influence.

She was one to whom the troubled, the burdened and the sorrowing naturally turned for comfort and help. For several years her husband was somewhat of an invalid, and her untiring devotion to him was in perfect consonance with her character. After he passed away she made her home with her only son, Harold B. Chapman, though she spent much of her time with the other children who were always eager for her presence in their homes.

Her youngest daughter, Mrs. Martin, had the consolation of ministering to her during the weeks of suffering preceding her death, and witnessing her calm, cheerful patience, and her unwavering trust in the goodness and love of the Heavenly Father which for more than forty years had been the anchor of her soul.

The memory of a life like hers is an inspiration and a benediction.
M. B. C.

Fannie E. Morrill.

Fannie E. Morrill, wife of Thomas B. Morrill, passed away on Thursday, March 10, at her home 8 Monument Square, aged 56 years. She was a native of West Bethel, Me., and was the daughter of Daniel F. and Polly P. (Wight) Bean. For many years she has resided in Charlestown, and was prominent in Trinity church, Bunker Hill chapter and the Norumbega Club of which she was a member. A woman of excellent ideas and energetic qualities, her services in these organizations were of inestimable value, while her devotion to and love of home and friends makes her loss to the family circle irreparable. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from her late residence. The interment was at Woodlawn.—Charlestown Enterprise.

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Lyman Wheeler, Bethel,	2806
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New shirt waists from 50c up at L. M. Stearns'.

Triabita Hulled Corn at C. A. Lucas'.

When in need of a new wrapper call at L. M. Stearns'.

Have you tried the new cereal, Dr. Pierce's Wheat Flake Celery food? If not do so. For sale at Lucas'.

Some new torchon laces at L. M. Stearns'.

Sweet potatoes and new onions at R. E. L. Farwell's.

Particular attention is called to Miss Hall's line of Easter Novelties. See advertisement in another column.

TEACHERS' EXCURSION.

Grand Trip to Niagara Falls and St. Louis.

We are arranging an excursion to Niagara Falls, St. Louis and other places of attraction for Maine teachers. We shall start about June 15, or as soon as possible after the close of the spring schools. All teachers who want to go to St. Louis by the most desirable route and at the lowest price which it is possible to secure, will address E. C. Bowler, Bethel, Maine, for full particulars and prices.

LOCKE MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. David Foster who have been living at West Paris for some time, have moved to his father's on the East Bethel road. Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. Lydia Bryant, will board with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Trask.

Mrs. Emma Brooks is visiting at her father's, D. D. Cross.

Mr. George Cross of Lewiston, visited his brothers, D. D. and C. K. Cross over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bartlett is again on the sick list.

Mrs. Helen Crooker who has been in Massachusetts for some time, returned to her daughter's, Mrs. Annie Emery, last Wednesday.

Maggie Lowe who has kept house for her father, Eben Lowe, in his camp on F. L. Edwards' "Rowe lot" since last September, goes to Berlin, N. H., the 29th to take her old position in the Central House.

The people around here were awakened between one and two o'clock Monday morning by the earthquake which is reported to have been heard and felt in various parts of New England.

Mrs. S. A. Wells who in the past few years has spent some time in W. E. Farnham's family—but now of Craftsbury, Vt.—has recently been granted a renewal of her pension which was dropped on her remarriage some thirty years ago. She lost her second husband more than twenty years ago. Mrs. Wells' first husband was Capt. Hall who died in service.

NOTICE.

The annual examination for those who wish to teach in the town of Bethel during the ensuing year will be given at the Brick School House on Saturday April 9 next at 9:30 in the forenoon. Per order School Committee
By H. H. HASTINGS,
Supt. of Schools
Bethel, March 22, 1904. 44

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TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.30
Gilead,	4.25	8.55
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53
Lookes Mills,		9.00
Bryant Pond,		9.05
South Paris,		9.38
Lewiston,		10.28
Portland, arrive,		11.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	3.15	7.00
Lewiston,	5.05	8.30
South Paris,	5.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.28	9.18
Lookes Mills,	10.35	4.18
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42
Gilead,	11.05	4.54
Gorham,	11.30	5.20
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.20
Toronto,	7.15	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.,
East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
and at Berlin 12.15 P. M. Returning
leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05
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By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER V.
RECOGNITIONS AND REVELA-
TIONS.

Meanwhile, Rupert Loudon had sped far on his way, dashing along at a round trot, his buoyant spirit and elastic nerves rejoicing in his escape. Following the trail, which was tolerably distinct, he at last reached a small clearing, where high stumps raised their charred ends among the light green corn. In the centre of this cultivated spot was a small log cabin, less remarkable for its appearance than for the air of substantial comfort around it. Its log walls were carefully whitewashed, and a luxuriant clematis was trained over the front of a rustic porch, giving the house a more comfortable look than is usually found in the forest. A range of log stables near by was larger than the house; an orchard, thickly dotted with fruit, was well calculated to keep off the keen blasts from the mountains, which rose gray and gloomy close at hand.

Rupert's approach was heralded by a brace of large mastiffs, who seemed determined to prevent his dismounting when he stopped his horse, by a hostile display of long teeth, and short, angry growls. While the traveler was debating in his mind their probable courage, the house door was opened, and the dogs were spoken to by a woman who came out. She was a buxom, country dame, wearing a homespun "short-gown" over a white dimity skirt, with long gold earrings, and a string of beads of the same precious metal around her neck.

"Down, Dash! Be quiet, Ponto!" she exclaimed, as she approached the fence, eyeing Rupert with a sort of searching inquisitiveness. "What do you wish, sir?" she asked, when she reached the gate at the roadside. "I should like some breakfast for myself, and food for my horse."

"Oh," said she, with evident dissatisfaction, "is that all?"

"When one is hungry, and has a tired horse," said Rupert, "that is a good deal."

"I am sorry, sir, but my husband is away, and in these times he has told me to receive no one." Then, as if to show that she was not unprotected, she called the dogs, who came and sat by her side, as if understanding that their services might be needed.

"So am I sorry," answered Rupert. "How far is it to the next house, madam?"

"Which house, sir? The trail forks just beyond the clearing, at the church, and there is a house on each trail." Then, with another inquisitive glance, she asked, "Who might you wish to see?"

"For the first time, Aurora's direction flashed upon Rupert's mind, and he replied, 'I am making some inquiries about Oglethorpe!'"

"O, that changes the matter! I thought, sir, you were the new officer they expect; but in these times a body can't be too careful. 'Light, sir, hitch your horse and come in. I'll send some one to look after him. Never mind the dogs, sir—they know who's a friend.'"

Dismounting, Rupert traversed the little garden, where bloomed a rich profusion of flowers, and was met on the porch by a negro girl, bringing a bowl of clear water, with a snow-white napkin.

"Set it down, Emeline!" said the mistress of the house. "Take a wash, sir, and sit down here in the shade, while I have some dinner made ready. You're right welcome, here, I tell ye, and the boys at the camp will be mighty glad to hear you are so near."

"Will intelligence of my arrival be conveyed to them?"

"O, they'll know it in half an hour, Listen!"

The only sound that met Rupert's ears was a prolonged, shrill cry, apparently coming from the stable.

"Is that a bird or a human being?" he asked.

"In a moment or two the same cry was repeated from the recesses of the forest, and then appeared the negro girl, who had brought the water, saying:

"De've answered, missus."

"You see it's human, major. But you outlandish gentlemen ain't used to our backwoods mells any more than the Yankees are. Mr. Danforth often says that he never heard any of these forest signals until he came South."

"And who is Mr. Danforth, madam?"

"Who?—why, he's my husband, sir. You saw him at the 'Stronghold' the other night."

"O, ho!—He is a good hunter, is he not?"

"He is somewhat interested in gold-digging, sir, but perhaps not as much so as Mr. Maxwell believes. At any rate, he is posted up to what is going on at the 'Stronghold.' But I must go to the kitchen."

Here was another link in the chain of mystery encircling Aurora and Rupert set down to gaze at the beautiful landscape before him, while he called forth the image of his preserver from his heart-garret. The scene was one

of those in which the imaginative find pleasure—a frame-work for every caprice of the wandering fancy to aid in transforming into a picture, bright as the sky above, enduring as the mountains, continuous as the forest all around. The green boughs of the orchard immediately around the house were swaying in the breeze, bees were merrily humming through the rose-bushes, and the sweet scent of flowers came stealing gratefully along from a gay parterre. Nature appeared to repose, clothing her varied features with the spell of a blessed silence—silence full of happiness, and hope, and fear.

Yes, and Rupert, too, was happy and hopeful as the bright flowerets of love gradually unfolded their enchanting petals in those treasured recollections of Aurora, which shone like spring sunlight into his very soul. Hitherto, his happiness had been centered in the glories of his profession. Drinkin' in the classic pages of Polybius and Tacitus, he had heard in imagination the war-cry of the Greeks on the plains of Marathon, and at the Pass of Thermopylae; and the shouts of the Roman legionaries at Zana and Can-nae—at Pharsalia and Philippi. The domestic wars of England, the thirty years' struggle in Germany, and the fierce combats between France and Spain, were to him familiar topics. Studying the movements which had secured victory, and the causes which had invited defeat, his every thought had been of arms and honor, while at the far extremity of the long vista of time, he had only seen a laurel wreath. But now the leaf was turned, and on the new page was one object—Aurora! The tones of her voice, yet echoed in his heart like the soft touch of summer wind playing over harp-strings; and in vain did he occasionally endeavor to plan some way of soon seeing her again. Honor and fame had now lost their charms, and they were lost over his new-born passion, as the summer wave is dashed into spray over the ocean rock. How enchanting is the world of reverie, where materials are so plastic and triumphs are so easy!—when man seems to be endowed with the godlike privilege of creation, and his thoughts take effect without an effort, passing from the creative mind into the created art. Alas, that there must be an awakening to all such day-dreams!

"Walk into dinner, major," said Mrs. Danforth—and this just as Rupert was in his imagination, winning Aurora's consent to their union. "Coming," he responded, but in so startled a tone, that the good dame herself became somewhat flurried. Ere he crossed the threshold, however, her guest had recovered his habitual calmness, and was besides softened into real life by the neat repast so invitingly spread before him.

The room was a picture of neatness. A pure coat of whitewash covered the log-walls and rough ceiling, while the clean sanded floor needed no carpet to hide stains of slovenliness. In one corner was a large corner-cupboard, filled with bright pewter platters, a goodly quantity of china, and an antique silver teapot. Opposite, a high clock ticked away in its well-rubbed case of walnut wood, and on other portions of the wall hung framed prints, highly colored. But the crowning glory of the room was a huge square fire-place, filled with asparagus boughs, and crowned by a mantel-shelf, upon which glittered a pair of well-scoured brass candlesticks, flanking a small mirror. Over this were wooden hooks, evidently intended for a musket; but they were now vacant, nor were powder-horn or bullet-pouch to be seen hanging from a small pair of antlers, their accustomed place. The table, laid with a homespun cloth, was bountifully spread with rural fare, while the attendant Emeline, waving a fly-brush, stood with her capacious ivory widely extended, as if to efface the hungry insects.

Not having eaten since the evening previous, Rupert made a furious onslaught upon ham, eggs, hominy and corn-cake, to the great satisfaction of Mrs. Danforth, who considered her culinary skill highly complimented. Just as he was about concluding, the sable fly-catcher said:

"Dar's de owl, missus!"

"Answer it, gal!" And the Ethiopian, dropping her fly-brush, vanished. In a moment there was a vigorous "to-who-to-who!" heard from the rear of the house, and before it had ceased to echo, a heavy tread was heard upon the porch, and a bulky figure stood at the doorway.

"Why, Bill Lydston, is that you?" said Mrs. Danforth, rising to greet the stranger.

"No one else," was the reply.

"Well, you are just in time to eat something. But, dear me, here's Major Loudon!"

"Welcome to the mountains, major. Permit me to further introduce myself as the adjutant of the sharpshooters, to whom I hope to-morrow to introduce your commander."

Rupert was delighted at this announcement, for the defection of Mr. Maxwell had led him to fear that his entire command might fail. Nor was he less pleased at the appearance of his future subaltern, who was a young man of his own age, though his sternly compressed lips and lofty brow, marked with thoughtful furrows, made him look thirty or past to a casual observer. Muscular and tall, his person betokened a physical power second only to his intellectual strength, while his dark, eyes, lay crouched like tigers beneath their rugged, overhanging brows. He wore a deer-skin hunting-shirt, with a cap and leggings of the same material, ornamented in the Indian style, with porcupine quills. A pouch hung over his shoulder, and in his hand he carried a long, rude-looking rifle, a long knife in his waist-belt completing his equip-

ment—the customary outfit of a frontiersman.

"So there is no lack hereabouts of devotion to the popular cause?" inquired Rupert, after a cordial grasp had been interchanged.

"You won't think so to-morrow, major, when you visit our camp. I tell ye what, sir, we ain't quite equal to some of the old country regulars; but when we can draw a head upon the redcoats, you'll find the sharpshooters some."

"But has not Mr. Maxwell's lukewarmness had a bad effect upon you?"

"Not a bit of it, sir. Besides, Miss 'Rora is worth a dozen of the old man, and she's with us."

"Do you know, though, that there is a British officer there, bound on the same errand which brought me here, excepting that he wishes men to serve under the Hanoverian king, instead of the continental congress?"

"I know that. But that's the very best card, major, that could have been played. It throws the game right into your hands—high, low, Jack and Old Maxwell."

Rupert was somewhat astonished, and Mrs. Danforth took advantage of a pause in the conversation to press the adjutant to sit down to the table, which he appeared nothing loth to do. When he had in turn, done justice to the bountiful repast, the hostess produced some excellent cigars of home manufacture, which each of the young men accepted. Lighting the enticing weed, they went out on the piazza, where they paced to and fro, discussing military affairs in a cloud of smoke.

As the young officer learned the strength of his command, the former service which many of them had seen, and the alacrity with which they had left their homes to enter the "continental line," proud thoughts again swelled his breast. The afternoon, meanwhile, had wasted away, when the adjutant suddenly exclaimed:

"By the panthers, the sun is almost down! I must be off."

"And where, if I may ask?"

"To meet the greatest girl in all Georgia, major. Never fear. I'll be back by bedtime, and early in the morning will start for camp." Then taking his rifle, which he threw into the hollow of his left arm, keeping his right hand on the lock, the gallant young officer strode off, erect as one of the tall pines around him.

Unconsciously, and deeply plunged in moody thought, Rupert took another path, which he followed until the moon began to steal through the tall pines, casting a chequered light upon the verdant carpet. When he first set out, he thought of the force he was to command, ambition stirring his blood as the sound of a trumpet. But to one who loves, a forest stroll at twilight soon leads every thought to the object of affection. Imagination fills the scene with additional beauty, peoples the stars with beings whose existence is love, and removes every obstacle that can be conjured up. At length, the path reached a roadway, and he was about to return, when the sound of voices and of a horse's hoofs met his ear.

Rupert was no coward, although it would not, just then, have been very pleasant for him to have fallen into the hands of any straggling party of Tories. He consequently stepped behind a clump of thick bushes near by, where he remained perfectly quiet, determined to see who the comers might be.

The moon was now high in the heavens, and by the clear light Rupert soon saw two persons slowly approaching. One was on foot, nor was it possible to mistake the pedestrian's form, for Adjutant Lydston was no common man. His companion, who rode a spirited bay horse, was a lady dressed in the homespun riding garb generally worn at that time. She was speaking as they approached his place of concealment; and no sooner did Rupert recognize her voice than he experienced such a conflict of feelings as he had never felt before.

"Could it be? Was it indeed Aurora Maxwell? Had she, whom he believed to be spotless as unsmoked snow, come on horseback to meet a rude soldier? Was she, the modest beauty who had first attracted his love, the object of Lydston's idle boast? He felt sick at heart, and the more especially as he had been educated in Europe, where an unmarried lady never meets a gentleman, even her affianced lover, unattended. A few moments before he would have given every object he possessed to have met her, to pour into her ears his new-born passions, with the enthusiastic eloquence of a fresh heart. Now, those desires were blasted as if by a sudden flash of lightning—may, he soon found that the foundation of his hopes, was worse than sand. Approaching the spot where he stood breathless, they halted at the pathway, and Rupert was forced to hear their conversation.

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"But why care a straw for such a popinjay?" replied Lydston, who evidently had made some proposition not over-acceptable. "I'm sure I've often heard you laugh at these city chaps, and now to think you stand up so for one."

Rupert stood as if paralyzed. Was Lydston rebuking her for the interest which she had manifested in him?

"Be patient, Mr. Adjutant," said she, "and rest assured that my opinions are not one whit changed. But remember, also, that the 'Stronghold' is my home; any stain upon its hospitality would remain as a stain upon my good name, and—"

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Stout Man's Delight When the Two
Ladies Recognized Him.

The two ladies who entered the car by the rear door seemed rather dis-
gusted to find that all the seats were
occupied and that there were hardly
enough straps to go around.

"That's always the way on the In-
diana avenue cars," said the taller of
the two. "They never seem to have
enough cars—never. I haven't had a
seat in a month—except when some
gentleman was polite enough to offer
me his."

She spoke loud enough for three or
four "gentlemen" to hear, but they
were apparently too interested in
their evening papers to notice what
she said.

"It's no use," said the other, with
a slight giggle behind her glove. "As
to the Indiana avenue cars being the
worst, it's what they say of all of
them."

The taller woman looked anxiously
about the car. Then her face bright-
ened. "Edge up toward the middle,"
she whispered. "We're in luck.
There's Mr. Parker sitting over there.
Move slowly and don't seem to see
him until we get right close up to
him."

They followed these tactics until
they came to a particularly stout in-
dividual who was occupying about
three linear feet of the seat space.
Then the taller woman bent over and
with a sweet smile said: "Good even-
ing, Mr. Parker."

The stout man looked up. "Oh,
good evening," he said, with a fine as-
sumption of pleasure. "Then he rose
and said: 'Won't you take my seat?'"

Before the words were well out of
his mouth the two women had glided
into the place he had vacated. Then
the taller woman said: "How fortunate
that we should meet you!"

"Doubly fortunate," said the stout
man.—Chicago News.

Dean Pigeon's Story.

Dean Pigeon, an English churchman,
tells the following: "At one of our
cathedrals the minor canon was ill
and could not sing. A suffragan
bishop had a good voice and volun-
teered to sing the litany. 'Go,' he
said to the verger, and tell the or-
ganist that I will sing the litany, and
ask him to give me the reciting note."
"Please, sir," said the verger to the or-
ganist, "the bishop has sent me to you
to say he will sing the litany." "All
right," said the organist. Seeing the
verger remain, he said, "You need
not stay." "Please, sir," the bishop
asked me to ask you if you would
give him a something—I didn't quite
catch—note." "You mean the re-
citing note." "That's it, sir—that's it."
Seeing the verger still remaining, he
said: "You need not stay." To which
the verger said: "Please, sir, shall I
take it to his lordship?"—Exchange.

Guide Knew His Business.

"This is the place," said the man
that was showing the party over the
field of Gettysburg, "where Gen.
Pickett made his last great charge."

"But," objected one of the group,
"when I was here last year you point-
ed out an entirely different locality."

"And if you come again next year,"
replied the other, "I may show you
still a different place. You don't sup-
pose he made his charge all in one
spot, do you? He fit all over this
neighborhood and back again, mis-
ter."

Here he made a grand sweep of his
arm, apparently indicating all the ter-
ritory in sight and a part of the next
county.—Chicago Tribune.

He Knew the Kind of Silk.

Smith—So you bought your wife a
silk dress for a birthday present, eh?
How did you manage to suit her taste?



Wise—I bought her a changeable
silk.

Must Take It on Faith.

A divorce story was brought into
the office to-day that would make you
gasp. You'll remember the Gazette
said a month ago that a business
change was coming that would make
you gasp, and it came.—Emporia Gaz-
ette.

The "Real Thing" in Horseshoers.

A South McAlester man advertises
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man-nosed, dish-faced, knock-kneed,
ham-legged, all-round horseshoer."—
Indianapolis News.

Reasons for Surprise.

"I—I hope this proposal of mine
hasn't taken you entirely by sur-
prise?"
"Well, yes; to tell the truth, I had
given up all hope of it long ago"—
Brooklyn Life.



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The Vociferous Game.

The hollow-eyed gentleman sat
in the waiting room of the throat
specialist until the patient in hand
was dismissed, and was then
shown into the private consulta-
tion room.

"What is the trouble?" asked
the specialist, bluntly.

The victim's lips moved, but no
sounds came therefrom.

Loosening his collar with his
finger, clearing his throat and
squirming, the victim again at-
tempted to vocalize, but without
avail.

It wouldn't work.

The baffled physician bowed his
head a moment, lost in profound
thought.

Then, pushing pencil and paper
toward the suffering and voiceless
patron, he said:

"Simply write on this pad the
name of the place where you played
Pit last night, and I will fix you
up a prescription. And if you will
give me a list of the other guests I
will make a liberal discount on
your bill."—Baltimore American.

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The readers of this paper will be
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive
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proprietors have so much faith in its cur-
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Sold by all druggists, 76c.

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Suggestion.
"Chicken soup, forsooth!" sneered
the tragedian, with fine scorn.
"There's barely a suggestion of
chicken in it!" protested the ingenue.
"Certainly no such suggestion as a
self-respecting artist may act on!" ex-
claimed the comedian, a sardonic
smile playing about his patrician
mouth.

But the provincial boniface was in
nowise depressed; these were by no
means the first Thespians he had en-
tertained.—Puck.

Hushing Uncle Silas.
"I heard a good joke on you, Joe!"
"By cracky!" exclaimed Uncle Silas.
"Well, jist euz I seen somebody
eatin' soup in a saloon I never 'lowed
it wuz a restaurant an' went in an' or-
dered a piece o' pumpkin pie," retort-
ed Joe sturdily.—Indianapolis Sun.

An Ill Wind, Etc.
She—I saw you, sir, with that horrid
widow! And I shall send back your
presents at once.

He—Don't send them to me—send
them to the widow.—Town Topics.

The Umbrella.
A man went into a hotel and left
his umbrella in the stand, with a card
bearing this inscription attached to it:
"This umbrella belongs to a man
who can deal a blow of 250 lbs. weight.
I will be back in 10 min."
On returning to seek his property
he found in its place a card thus in-
scribed:
"This card was left by a man who
can run 12 mi. an hour. I shall not
return."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Once Was Enough for Him.
Harskell—Mr. Hyler was at my
house last evening. An agreeable sort
of man. He insisted, in a gentleman-
ly way, upon my wife's playing on
the piano.
"Buckle—Oh, well, I wouldn't mind a
little thing like that; it is not likely
he'll ever do it again.—Boston Tran-
script.

Letting Him Down Easy.
"I have a very unpleasant duty to
perform," said the chief. "The man-
agement desires to dispenze with your
services."

The office boy heaved a deep sigh
of relief. "Geel!" he said, "I fought
for a minnit youse was goin' to fire
me."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Not Really a Hero.
It is said that Lord Salisbury resolu-
tely refused to tip his barber. He was
a great man and not devoid of
courage. But if we remember him
right he was mostly whiskers.—Cleve-
land Plain Dealer.

It Might Have Been Worse.
Socrates was sipping the hemlock.
"It's pretty bad," he acknowledged,
"but think what I have escaped. I
might have been invited to a pink tea."
Thankful that he was allowed a mild-
er form of torture, he passed away
with a happy smile.—Brooklyn Life.

The Clerk Changed His Mind.



Cholly—I beg of you to kindly send
some one to my room at once with a
pitcher of water.

Clerk—Can't. Too busy.

Cholly—But, my dear sir, my room
is on fire.

Gone Before.
"Your money or your life?" cried
the villain, as he held the revolver in
the victim's face.

"You'll have to take my money,"
answered the man, "my wife has a
mortgage on my life."—Detroit Free
Press.

In Bohemia.
Spacer—Worrying over all your
debts? Pshaw! Now that Miss Rich-
popp has accepted you your future is
attended to.

Scribbles—Y-yes; but I wish she
"paid on acceptance."—Judge.

A Case in Point.
"I wonder what is meant by the
statement that 'Nature equalizes
things?'"

"Well, if Nature endows a woman
with small feet it gives her a big
head."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Easy Money.
"The only easy money that I am
personally acquainted with," remark-
ed Old Amadee, "is the money that I
spend. And then it's so blame easy it
makes my head swim."

An Easy One.
Dashaway—You say you've been
making love to that widow?
Verterton—Yes.

What did you do?
"Nothing."—Detroit Free Press.

No Amateur.
Mrs. Crawford—Is that an experi-
enced girl you have?
Mrs. Crabshaw—Why, I should say
she is! This is the ninth place she's
had this year.—Judge.

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You can furnish your table with elegant silver-
ware of the latest pattern, from the best makers.
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ware, and the WITNESS for one year. Address:
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THE TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., of Chicago, Ill.

ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$ 31,093.81
Mortgage Loans,	215,300.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,125,143.57
Cash in Office and Bank,	231,088.32
Agents' Balances,	178,587.07
Interest and Rents,	11,502.74
All other Assets,	7,534.92
Gross Assets,	\$2,799,551.36
Deduct items not admitted,	45,979.33
Admitted Assets,	\$2,753,572.03
LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 112,075.71
Unearned Premiums,	1,055,666.36
All other Liabilities,	3,135.51
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,075,800.45
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$2,533,572.03
Loses in the Baltimore fire,	\$200,000.00
Cash in Bank, February 8, 1904,	\$64,000.00
FREELAND HOWE, Agent,	
42 H	Norway, Maine.

PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$ 376,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$7,100.00
Collateral Loans,	101,860.00
Stocks and Bonds,	525,889.55
Cash in Office and Bank,	283,497.74
Agents' Balances,	666,650.50
Interest and Rents,	10,311.79
All other Assets,	63,277.59
Gross Assets,	\$2,125,086.17
Deduct items not admitted,	104,686.55
Admitted Assets,	\$2,020,399.62
LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 391,713.76
Unearned Premiums,	4,126,666.00
All other Liabilities,	15,516.81
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,070,200.15
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$2,607,099.62
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,	
42 W	South Paris, Maine.

THE OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUAR- ANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED, of London, England.

CASH ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903.	
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, market value,	\$1,957,576.56
Cash in Company's principal office and in Bank,	141,675.51
Interest due and accrued,	19,010.40
Premium Notes,	18,701.64
Premiums in due course of collection,	161,513.21
LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1903.	\$2,298,507.26
Reserved for Underwritten claims,	\$ 288,337.00
Reserve for Re-insurance,	600,000.81
Commissions and other demands against the Company,	92,864.29
Special Reserve,	80,000.00
All Liabilities, except Capital Stock and Net Surplus,	\$1,607,255.16
Deposit Capital,	\$250,000.00
Surplus to Policy Holders,	1,237,255.16
\$2,298,507.26	

L. H. VELLEUX,

Agent for Casualty,
Rumford Falls, Me.

THE FIDELITY & CASUALTY CO., of New York, N. Y.

Cash in Office and Bank,	229,698
Bills Receivable,	526
Interest and Rents,	9,616
All other Assets,	679,735
Gross Assets,	\$5,881,800
Deduct items not admitted,	89,442
Admitted Assets,	\$5,792,358
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,028,567
Unearned Premiums,	2,562,567
All other liabilities,	287,425
Cash Capital,	500,000
Contingent fund	250,000
Surplus over all liabilities,	1,163,793

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1904.

Pay of R. F. D. Carriers.

Rural mail carriers will be raised from \$600 to \$750 a year, including team, if the Senate enacts the postoffice appropriation bill as passed by the House at Washington. But carriers are to deliver only mail matter and cannot go errands, carry packages, etc., for the convenience of their patrons. In other words, the rural carrier is to be put under the same restrictions as the city carrier. But if so, pay as much! To prohibit carriers doing errands seems rough on the public, though to prohibit his doing an express business is not so unreasonable.—New England Homestead.

A Friend of the President.

Mr. Dooley once said that if Mr. Roosevelt ever reached the White House, it would be through a graveyard. Mr. McKinley was shot and Mr. Roosevelt was President. As he looked, a few weeks ago, out upon the general situation, only one power threatened his nomination, and that power was Senator Hanna. Death stretched out his arm and the obstacle was moved. Two such momentous clearings of the path raise an image in our minds, as of a great shrouded figure, a shadow like a cloud, behind and above the President, ever ready to put out a hand and obliterate this figure, or that, which happened to impede the progress of the man of destiny. The Czar Nicholas the First, during his war with the allies, in 1855, boasted that his two best officers were General Janina and General February. When the Czar himself caught a chill and died from the rigor of the winter, Tanniel drew a cartoon, famous under the name of "General February Turns Traitor,"—the dead Czar lying on his campbed in his tent, a skeleton in uniform behind him, with his hand upon the dead man's heart. With a similar ideal, changed to fit the circumstances, an American cartoonist might have made a tremendously impressive cartoon when Senator Hanna died—but our cartoonists as a rule have more humor and intelligence than they have imagination. The President is a young man yet. Chance has helped him everywhere. The Spanish War came just in time to make him Governor. Unwillingly he was forced by Platt and Quay to become Vice President. Then came the great destroyer, twice, conspicuously to his aid. He seems to be under the dogged guardianship of fate.—Collier's Weekly.

The Second District Republican Convention.

The Second District Republican convention will be held in City hall, Lewiston, Maine, Wednesday, April 13, 1904, at 1.30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress to be voted for at the September election.

To select two district delegates and two alternates to attend the National Republican convention at Chicago, June 21, 1904. To select a district committee and transact any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1902 an additional delegate and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 an additional delegate. Vacancies in the delegation of any city, town or plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

Tired All the Time News' Excursion

That's a Spring Condition.

It's a sign that the blood is deficient in vitality, just as pimples and other eruptions are signs that the blood is impure. It's a warning, too, which only the hazardous fail to heed. **Hood's Sarsaparilla** removes it, gives new life, new courage, strength and animation. It cleanses the blood and clears the complexion.

Accept no Substitute.

"I cannot say too much in regard to Hood's Sarsaparilla. I was all run down and was told to take this medicine, which I did, and two bottles made me well."
GEORGE H. TOWNE, Dedham, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to Cure and Keeps the Promise.

The District committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at 11 o'clock a. m., on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of the delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call of this convention.

The chairman of the various delegations are requested to forward a full list of the delegates and alternates to the secretary for the District committee, J. W. Brackett, Phillips, as soon as they are chosen.

Per order Republican District committee.
FRED W. WIGHT, chairman,
J. W. BRACKETT, secretary.
Rockland, Me., Feb. 23, 1904.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Gertie Sloan is visiting relatives at East Bethel.

Harry Sawin and wife of North Waterford visited at Sumner Bean's Saturday and Sunday.

Maud Beckler left for Kineo last Thursday.

Mrs. Ahira Smith returned home Saturday after spending a few days with her sister Mrs. George Grover and family.

E. T. Judkins and wife were recently visited by relatives from Norway.

Ellsworth Wilbur came out of the woods recently.

People were awakened in this vicinity at one o'clock Monday morning by a loud roaring and shaking of their buildings. Was it a far reaching earthquake?

Mrs. F. H. Wardwell, and daughter, have been visiting relatives in Bethel.

The Oregon Medicine Co., started a week's entertainment at the town house Monday evening. The crowd that greeted them was rather small. Those that have attended elsewhere say it is a good entertainment.

Charles Pligree has been elected Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Carter Grover is rather poorly of late; Bessie Grover is at work for her.

Fine sledding to finish up contracts.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Oklahoma is pleading her educational work as one reason for her admittance to Statehood. She has seven institutions of higher learning, besides many colleges and schools which are under the supervision of religious bodies. She has 253,000 pupils in the secondary schools and over 3,000 in the various colleges. Besides these she has 2,000 Sunday schools, with 12,000 teachers and 180,000 pupils. Her 2,500 district schools are valued at \$1,500,000. The total amount of land reserved for common schools, colleges and public buildings is 2,052,000 acres, a large part of which is leased and brings in now an income of \$1,000 a day. Within the next year the income from this source will be over a half million dollars.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The death of Dr. Palmer of Brunswick, leaves Dr. Garcelon of Lewiston, the oldest practicing physician in Maine and the only survivor of the founders of the Maine Medical society.

It is expected that Hon. Orville D. Baker of Augusta, will present the name of Hon. Joseph H. Manley at the Republican State convention in Bangor. Congressman Charles E. Littlefield of Rockland, will present the name of Hon. William T. Cobb.

Two young men, Charles Wilson and Roy Brackley, became involved in a dispute at West Mills Saturday, with the result that Brackley lies dead from two bullet wounds, and Wilson is locked up in the county jail at Farmington on the charge of murder. The affair took place at the home of John Billington and it is said that both men had been drinking heavily.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard university since 1889, spent the seventieth anniversary of his birth quietly Sunday. In the afternoon Dean Briggs, on behalf of the faculty, presented him with an elegant silver vase suitably inscribed, which President Eliot received with a few words expressing his deep appreciation of this gift of affection.

The Maine Methodist Episcopal conference will begin its annual session at Rumford Falls on March 30, sitting over the following Sunday. Among the distinguished visitors to the conference will be Bishop John H. Vincent from Zurich, Switzerland, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., from Cincinnati, Rev. J. M. Barker, D. D., of Boston University, and Rev. W. D. Parr, Philadelphia. Bishop Vincent preaches at the Sunday morning service.

GILEAD.

Easter in two weeks.

Mrs. Joseph Lary is on the sick list.

Mrs. Melissa Bennett of Norway, was the guest of E. R. Bennett and family the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bennett went to Gorham, N. H., Saturday, returning Sunday.

Marshall Hastings got his face and head badly injured by a horse hitting him recently.

The second anniversary of Gilead corner band was observed last Monday evening. A. E. Steady of Berlin, N. H., who has been instructing the band was present. The entertainment consisted of readings by Mrs. Alice Watson, recitations by Master Nathan Coffin and little Edith Peabody and music by the Moore brothers. Refreshments consisting of doughnuts, cake, coffee and confectionery.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

To Mothers in This Town.

Children who are delicate, feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweetened Syrup. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, making a rich blood and strengthening the system. A certain cure for worms. Sold by all druggists. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Lake, N. Y.

St. Louis Exposition AND NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that, each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

- | | Votes. |
|--|--------|
| 1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count..... | 1 |
| 2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count..... | 100 |
| 3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count..... | 40 |
| 4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count..... | 25 |
| 5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count..... | 50 |
| 6. Each dollar for new advertising secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count..... | 25 |
| 7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count..... | 25 |

CONDITIONS.

Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.

1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrearage and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present advertisers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

Address

Your Liver

Is it acting well? Bowels regular? Digestion good? If not, remember Ayer's Pills. The kind you have known all your life. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE

HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION AND INS. CO., Hartford, Conn. Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$19,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	717,850.00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,016,179.16
Cash in Office and Bank,	136,041.31
Interest and Rents,	178,141.14
All other assets,	430,520.33
Gross Assets,	\$2,577,732.00
Deduct items not admitted,	\$3,245,388.18
Admitted Assets,	\$2,132,343.82
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$20,415.00
Unearned Premiums,	1,851,525.38
All other liabilities,	32,403.60
Cash Capital,	500,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	771,899.85
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,122,165.10

HARTFORD FIRE INS. CO., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$940,500.00
Mortgage Loans,	734,369.00
Collateral loans,	4,800.00
Stocks and Bonds,	10,183,874.85
Cash in Office and Bank,	543,699.17
Agents' Balances,	1,050,180.32
Interest and rents,	11,755.14
All other assets,	33,387.05
Admitted Assets,	\$13,502,565.53
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$675,874.77
Unearned Premiums,	8,060,906.48
Cash Capital,	1,250,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	\$3,515,784.28
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$13,502,565.53

FREELAND HOWE, Agent, Norway, Me.

UNITED STATES BRANCH OF NO. BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INS. COMPANY.

of London and Edinburgh. Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Stocks and Bonds,	\$5,443,266.59
Cash in Office and Bank,	134,724.14
Agents' Balances,	44,772.08
All other Assets,	26,559.72
Gross Assets,	\$6,048,322.53
Deduct items not admitted,	102,431.27
Admitted Assets,	\$5,945,891.26
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$351,663.10
Unearned Premiums,	2,932,541.23
All other liabilities,	1,145,444.44
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	2,444,841.49
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$5,945,891.26

The losses of about \$1,000,000 sustained in the Baltimore conflagration have been paid from funds sent from the London Office of the Company.

W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents, 374 F. South Paris, Me.

THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO., Baltimore, Md.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$445,611.92
Mortgage loans,	22,650.00
Collateral loans,	25,535.20
Stocks and bonds,	1,890,553.80
Cash in office and bank,	257,183.43
Agents' balances less commission,	322,602.38
Interest and rents,	24,719.08
All other assets,	197,992.95
Gross assets,	\$3,184,818.36
Deduct items not admitted,	\$3,184,818.36
Admitted Assets,	\$0.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 1, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$121,813.46
Unearned Premiums,	984,158.48
All other liabilities collateral deposits,	\$2,002.00
Cash Capital,	1,700,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	295,944.36
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,184,818.36

F 44 Jas. B. Stevenson, Rumford Falls, Me.

PREFERRED ACCIDENT INS. CO., Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Stocks and Bonds,	\$79,146.35
Cash in Office and Bank,	144,005.72
Interest and Rents,	7,158.34
All other Assets,	17,919.97
Gross Assets,	\$148,230.38
Deduct items not admitted,	6,520.00
Admitted Assets,	\$141,710.38
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$110,000.55
Unearned Premiums,	\$55,000.68
All other liabilities,	\$11,709.15
Cash Capital,	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	\$33,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,417,110.38

C. F. Dunlap, State Agent, 86 Exchange St., Portland, Me.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates, hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in THE BETHEL NEWS, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLES F. LORD, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for administration presented by Eleanor B. Lord, the executrix therein named.

MELITA W. PINGREE, late of Albany, deceased; petition that Charles P. Pingree or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by Charles P. Pingree, a son and heir.

B. FRANK BLAKE, late of Gilead, deceased; petition that Henry C. Park or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by B. Frank Blake, a brother and heir.

CALVIN HISEE, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for license to convey real estate according to contract, presented by Albert L. Morgan et al. interested parties.

HELEN E. HISEE of Bethel, ward; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Francis W. Bisbee, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court. A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

This will interest Mothers.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powder for Children, Cures Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, Breaks up Colds, cures and regulates the Bowels and Destroys Worms. TASTY SWEET PASTE. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Lake, N. Y.

Karo
CORN SYRUP

The new table delicacy the body loves. A wholesome pure syrup, good for every use. Sold in air-tight tin keeps its goodness free from dust, so common with syrups. 10c, 25c and 50c. A. CORN PRODUCTS CO. New York and Chicago.

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There will be "six weeks of sledging in March" this year if ever.

Fine mornings for crust walks and coasting during the past week.

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NEWRY.

Quite a number from this place attended the fair at North Newry. There was a large crowd and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Alfonso Bean visited at A. H. Powers' last week.

Mrs. Amos Frost and two children went to North Paris last Friday to visit her parents.

Mrs. N. S. Baker is improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blisbee have returned from their trip to Rumford.

Harvey Powers is spending a few days at Bert Harlowe's.

Mrs. E. B. Knapp is some better. Her daughter, Mrs. Horace Foster, of Bethel, is with her.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Arthur Clark of Portland visited his family here over Sunday.

Miss Maud Lunt of Farmington is visiting her mother Mrs. L. M. Lunt.

The Butterfly Carnival netted \$355.55 for the Good Cheer Society. Twenty seven divorces were granted at this term of court.

Henry Kerr was in Portland over Sunday.

Roy H. Porter of the University of Maine was at home over Saturday and Sunday.

William K. Kimball State Relief Corps, is enjoying a period of pleasant prosperity. At a regular meeting held on the evening of March 19 eight applications for membership were voted upon and accepted and five of the applicants initiated.

J. M. Murch is improving and is able to be out of doors a portion of the time.

Monday a spark from a near by chimney lighted on a shingle on the toy shop roof and set the shingles ablaze and had it not been discovered immediately the damage would have been great.

The dates of the Oxford County Agricultural Fair for 1904 have been decided upon; they are Sept. 13, 14, 15.

Alberta Davis and Beatrice Rawson visited in Bethel last week.

A special meeting of the K. of P.'s was called Saturday evening to work the third rank.

Hilda Chandler who was quite sick last week is on the gain.

Ola Swan of West Paris visited her sister Mrs. Leo Marston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowker and daughter Muriel visited at Auburn Fish Hatchery last week.

Rizpah K. Morton returned from a trip to Boston, Wednesday.

Friday evening the Rebekah Lodge had a nutting party in I. O. O. F. Hall; coffee, cake and sandwiches were served.

The P. H. S. Senior class presented the drama Down in Maine, at Paris Hill Wednesday evening. There was a generous patronage. They are not going to repeat the drama at Oxford as was first decided.

The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

NEWRY CORNER.

Bear River Grange patrons at their last meeting discussed the question, "What crop is most profitable for a farmer to raise." The majority decided in favor of hay, quite a number preferred potatoes, and the Worthy Master thought yellow corn preferable. After the discussion of the question, a program, consisting of readings by Mrs. A. E. Bailey and Mrs. Sumner Davis, and music by the Grange choir. At the next meeting after the usual exercises, there will be a poverty supper.

Ayer's

For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's

Cherry Pectoral

Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.

"I had a terrible cough for weeks. Then I took Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and only one bottle completely cured me."

Wm. J. B. DANFORTH, St. Joseph, Mich.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Coughs, Colds

You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

ANDOVER.

There will be a social at the vestry of the Universalist church on the evening of March 29.

Mrs. William Pratt and family have left Mrs. M. E. Pratt's for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Penley, at North Rumford.

William Robinson has moved his family to Locke Mills, where he will work in H. E. Coolidge's blacksmith shop.

Chester Sweatt went to Boston last week, where he has a position in a drug store.

Mr. George S. Foster of Portland, was in town one day last week.

Several of our young people attended the ball at Hanover last Thursday and report a fine time. Music was furnished by Chase's orchestra of Dixfield.

Florence Perkins has returned to Farmington Normal school.

Marjorie Burgess visited at at Rumford Falls last Friday.

We would call the attention of our citizens to the fact that Andover has a brass band which holds weekly meetings. The town has granted them the use of the upper hall for their meetings, and we trust they will receive hearty support. Olney Burgess is leader.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Willard Newhall's. The committee for Easter has arranged for rehearsals, and are practicing for their annual Easter concert.

Lone Mt. Grange, No. 181, P. of H., held a meeting March 19, when the third contest was given. The last contest will be given April 2, and will decide which side wins. One new member joined at the last meeting.

G. R. WILEY RELIES UPON HYOMEI

Cures Colds, Coughs, Catarrh and Grip. Just Breathe It.

Hyomei is nature's own method for curing catarrh, colds, coughs and diseases of the respiratory organs. It is the only natural treatment for the cure of these troubles.

Breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, the air that passes into the throat and lung, is identical with that on the mountains, where it is laden with healing and health-giving balsams. It searches out and kills disease germs in the most remote and minute air cells of the head, throat and lungs; it soothes and heals all irritation of the mucous membrane.

Hyomei is prescribed by physicians generally. Many of them use it themselves to break up a cold and prevent pneumonia.

The complete Hyomei outfit consists of a neat inhaler, that is so small and convenient that it can be carried in the pocket or purse, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. This costs but \$1, and it will cure any ordinary case of catarrh. In chronic and deep seated conditions, longer use is necessary and extra bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for 50c, making it a most economical treatment for this disease.

G. R. Wiley has so much confidence in the power of Hyomei to cure catarrh and other diseases of the throat and lungs that he sells it under his personal guarantee to refund the money to any purchaser in case it fails to give satisfaction. He takes all the risk himself, and Hyomei costs you absolutely nothing unless it does you good.

HANOVER.

Woodsum Jordan has moved into Caroline Bartlett's house.

W. C. Holt, wife and son spent two days at Rumford Falls last week.

J. B. Roberts is confined to the house with a sore knee.

Mrs. James Bragg of Errol, N. H., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Otis Hayford, who is in very poor health.

Preston Howard and wife spent the day at L. A. Roberts, Thursday.

Gardner Roberts had the misfortune to get the ends of his two middle fingers cut off and his little finger cut quite badly while running his planer Saturday.

Mrs. Otis Hayford's sister is visiting her.

Our cold weather must soon give way to warmer days.

Cheslie Saunders has been hauling pulp for O. P. Russell since he got home with his team.

LEADS THE WORLD

Dr. V. C. Price of Chicago is the acknowledged leader of the world in the manufacture of pure food products. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and Delicious Flavoring Extracts, used in millions of homes, have stood the test for purity and excellence for nearly half a century. His recent productions,

DR. PRICE'S

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DR. PRICE'S TRYABITA HULLED CORN

are rapidly gaining a reputation for being the most nutritious, wholesome and best preparations in their line. The name of "DR. PRICE" on any food product is a guarantee of its being perfect in structure and quality.

Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat

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Dr. Price, the creator of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and Delicious Flavoring Extracts.

A cook book containing 76 excellent receipts for using the Food mailed free to any address.

Prepared by **PRICE CEREAL FOOD COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois.**
For Sale by **C. A. LUCAS, BETHEL, MAINE.**

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Lorin Trask broke camp the 19th having done a good winter's work.

Parley Lowe is having a streak of ill luck. One of his mares stepped on a rail of the railroad track and slipped injuring her internally so it is feared she will not live; she was a fine large beast worth in the neighborhood of \$200. Mr. Lowe had two days' work more to do.

James Armstrong and wife accompanied by Miss Zoie Blanchard have moved to Bethel and will occupy Howard Coburn's rent.

Robert Bennett has moved his family from Hastings to the Amy Bean farm which he purchased some months ago.

Irving Wilson has been hauling sawdust to pack his ice.

The death of Mrs. Phebe Chapman brings sadness to the hearts of her old neighbors here, by whom she was much loved and greatly respected.

Seth Mason's buildings caught fire on the roof the evening of the 16th; it was discovered by the Armstrongs who gave warning and rendered timely help. It is supposed the soot in the chimney caught fire and sparks from it fell on the shingles; fortunately Mr. Mason had ladders handy and plenty of water, and they succeeded in quenching it at once.

Leon Walling has moved his household goods into the Hicks house in Gilead; he does not begin work for Dana Wight until May.

Miss Ella Skillings has gone to Portland to visit her parents E. S. Skillings and wife.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 143 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.

Lyman Wheeler of Bethel, was in town last Saturday.

E. B. Farrar and Carrie Brooks attended the sale at R. W. Kilgore's hall Saturday evening.

Lane Bros' teams passed through town Sunday, having completed their lumbering operations in Newry.

March this year is certainly one of the old-fashioned kind and is holding the winter's record remarkably well so far.

Frank Ferren, the stage driver between Lakeside, Errol and Magalloway, has been hauling hay purchased from the Dr. Twaddle place, now owned by Erastus Thompson.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

"Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder, it cures Corns, Bunions, Painful, Swelling, Hot, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c."

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Amy Bartlett is at home from Gorham Normal school for a short vacation.

Mrs. Irving Kimball of Boston, is spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt.

Miss Maude Haines is at home from Canton for a short vacation.

Miss Gertrude Sloan has been spending the past two weeks with her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Holt.

Mr. Z. W. Bartlett made a business trip to Lewiston, last Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. Porter Earwell is hauling large trees for rollers to Rumford Falls Paper Co., for which he received one dollar per foot.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

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GROVER HILL.

Sunday was quite a springlike day.

F. J. Tyler was at his farm Sunday morning.

Sleighting is fine for this season of the year.

Marshall Whitman was in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allen of Spokane, Washington, were guests at Albert Whitman's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Grover of West Bethel, were guests at A. B. Grover's one day last week.

Bion F. Browne has employment in Isaac Morrill's saw mill.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

Spring Lines are
Now Ready in

GLOVES, NECKWEAR, SILK and COTTON
DRAPERIES, WHITE SHIRT WAIST PAT-
TERNS, HAMBURGS, LACES, DRESS TRIM-
MINGS, LINEN TOWELS, VEILINGS, ETC.

AT

E. E. Burnham's

Cole Block,

BETHEL, ME.

RUMFORD FALLS.

A lot on Hancock street, below the new brick blocks, has been looked over as a possible site for the new school building to be erected this year.

Miss Elizabeth Pettengill and George Pettengill are attending the automobile show in Boston.

The remains of Mrs. Phebe Chapman were taken Sunday, March 13 to Bethel, after a prayer at the house at nine o'clock a. m. by Rev. G. A. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Martin accompanied the remains to Bethel, where the funeral was held at one o'clock Monday afternoon.

It is on lot 29 of the Stearns purchase that the new Mexico school building is to be placed. This lot is owned by the town, it having been given some time ago by the A. E. Stearns company for the purpose of locating a schoolhouse there. It is said that the sum of \$5000 appropriated at the town meeting is scarcely one-third of the amount necessary to build this house.

John C. Whitman of Knox street, who has been in ill health for several months, does not regain health.

The selectmen are undecided what course to pursue in the matter of expending the sum appropriated to build the State road, and would like to have the citizens discuss the subject at the coming Board of Trade meeting, to be held on March 25.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, who have been guests of their daughter, Mrs. F. J. Gagnon, returned home to Baldwin, Tuesday.

An additional lot of paper bag machines of the automatic style has arrived from New York at the Continental Paper Bag mill and will be set up at once. This brings the total number of machines at this plant up to about 100.

Among the Rumford Falls men who are attending the Boston automobile show are Charles Fernald, F. E. Rendell, E. L. Winslow, Bert Bean and E. J. Gagnon.

The Rumford Falls high school began Monday, March 21. One reason assigned for the delay was that the one week vacation did not seem sufficient in view of the long term ahead, and another reason was that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Coffin, submaster, had not been filled.

The older son of Daniel McMaster, president and general manager of the Oxford Paper mill, while sliding on a hill in the residence section recently, met with an accident which resulted in the fracture of his arm.

C. F. Penley was in town last week from his home in Frye, working in the interest of the White school house in Frye, the neighborhood about that school community having undertaken to raise money to benefit the buildings.

Mr. Frank Burbank of Gorham, N. H., who was boss early in the fall of Camp 5 of the Bean & Twitchell lumbering operations in the woods near the Kennebago, came out from the woods Monday of last week, he having gone in Friday for a short stay. Mr. Burbank is the unfortunate man who was at work last Thanksgiving day blowing out a stump in the roadway at the Kennebago with dynamite, which exploded in his face, badly injuring him. As a result of the injury, he has lost the sight of his eyes. It was to secure funds to enable him to receive treatment in a Canadian hospital, it is understood, that Mr. Burbank has been visiting the lumber camps and his old time friends there.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. Not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
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Wm. D. Hooper

WEEDS

Consumption is a human weed flourishing best in weak lungs. Like other weeds it's easily destroyed while young; when old, sometimes impossible.

Strengthen the lungs as you would weak land and the weeds will disappear.

The best lung fertilizer is Scott's Emulsion. Salt pork is good too, but it is very hard to digest.

The time to treat consumption is when you begin trying to hide it from yourself. Others see it, you won't.

Don't wait until you can't deceive yourself any longer. Begin with the first thought to take Scott's Emulsion. If it isn't really consumption so much the better; you will soon forget it and be better for the treatment. If it is consumption you can't expect to be cured at once, but if you will begin in time and will be rigidly regular in your treatment you will win.

Scott's Emulsion, fresh air, rest all you can, eat all you can, that's the treatment and that's the best treatment.



We will send you a little of the Emulsion free.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and \$1; all druggists.

BRYANT POND.

Masters Eddie Peverley and Ralph Bacon returned to their school at Gould's Academy the 14th.

Miss Nell Preble who has been visiting her friend, Miss Esther Bowker, returned to the Farmington Normal school the 15th.

Miss Henrietta Douglas attended the Grange drama and dance which was given on Monday evening of last week.

Mr. John Welch visited Mrs. Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cushman, recently.

D. D. Peverley went to Lewiston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Black entertained a friend from Portland one day last week.

Mrs. Blodgett worked for Mrs. Littlefield a few days last week, while Mrs. Russell had a short vacation.

The contract to build the Manger cottage has been awarded to Bacon builders.

J. F. Reed and wife of West Paris, were guests at W. H. Pearson's recently.

The Grange drama was presented to a crowded house on Monday evening.

Mrs. Grace Stevens Briggs was the guest of her parents a few days last week.

Birney Doughty who had a part in the drama, was at Eddie Mann's the 14th.

Lewis Mann has been suffering with lumbago.

Miss Jessie Jackson is visiting her uncle, Mr. E. Andrews.

Miss Edna Curtis has been the guest of Mrs. Harry Cole.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

A Strange Barn.

Here is a strictly truthful story from Oklahoma of the spontaneous growth of a barn. A few years ago a farmer built a small barn and in its construction used green willow posts at the corners and along the sides. After a year he saw that where he had laid the floor near the ground it was three feet above the soil. The willow posts, instead of being dead were alive—had taken root and were growing. In their upward movement they carried the barn along until it was on stilts nine feet high. He put in a new floor and surrounded the posts with siding, thereby making a two-story affair, and if the thing keeps on raising this year as it did last he expects to add another story or two in the same way. This is a good hint to some of our ranchmen.—Ranve and Range.

Typical.



"Aw, that's a distinctively American type, I presume?"
"No, not a type—a typewriter."

New Order.

But the germ theory changed everything.

Now the wise man builded his house on the sand.

"For," said he, "good drainage is about the main thing."

It was the fool who builded on the rock. For the fool says in his heart, there is no bacillus.

And the storms came and went and the wise man was none the worse, but the fool dwelt in the midst of stagnant pools, and knew not health in the true scientific sense.—Puck.

Couldnt Insult Him.

Irate Parent—I want you to get out of here and never darken my door again. If I had a sick cat I wouldn't send for you!

Imperturbable Physician—Of course not. You'd send for my brother, the veterinarian, who lives over on the street next to the one I live on. Here's one of his cards.—Baltimore American.

Lack of Judgment.

"Was you really plannin' to run away with the hired girl?" asked the old farmer disgustedly.

"That's what I was thinkin' of doin'," admitted his son.

"Ain't you got any sense at all?" declared the father, "don't you know that hired girls is harder to get than daughters-in-law?"—Chicago Post.

No New Thing.

"Telegraphing without wires is no new thing," remarked the gray-haired passenger.

"Isn't it?" queried the drummer.

"Not by a jugful," continued the old man. "Why, sir, when I published a country newspaper forty years ago I got nearly all my telegraph news that way."—Chicago Daily News.

Societies.

"My mamma belongs to eighteen societies."

"Well, my mamma belongs to nineteen."

"Yes, but three of the societies your mamma belongs to are for the oppression of the same thing."—Life.

An Echo.

"Say, pa," queried little Billy Bloomer, "what's an echo?"

"An echo, my son," replied the old man with a sigh long drawn out, "is the only thing that can flumm a woman out of the last word."—The Lyre.

One Kind.

"Pa, what's a false prophet?"

"A man who gets me to take dinner with him downtown and says your mother won't care when I explain that it was all in the line of business."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Worst of It.

"I've always noticed," said the white-haired old philosopher, "that running into debt isn't half so annoying to some people as running into their creditors."—Judge.

Still Hoping.

"This paper says massage reduces the chin."

"Yes, perhaps so," replied Henpeck, "perhaps so; but she's never let me try it."—Houston (Tex.) Post.

"Although I have granted you this interview," said the pompous new office-holder, "I don't want people to think I'm in the habit of talking for publication."

"They won't," replied the reporter, "when they see these remarks in print."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mrs. Muggs—"That horrid Mrs. Triffls told Mrs. Nextdoor that I was a regular cat. What do you think of that?"

Mr. Muggs—I think she never saw you in the same room with a mouse.

—Answers.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood.

If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected

kidney trouble. Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits

by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail

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Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

WIT AND WISDOM.

"Oh, man's an egotist, they say; He sings the same old song. Whenever things don't go his way He vows they're going wrong."

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain.

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"I have often wondered," said the philosopher, backing up to the fireplace, "what becomes of all the hair the barber cuts off your head."

"Well, I never did," replied the nifty barber, helping himself to another piece of fudge, "all he cuts off mine usually goes down my neck."

All the healing balsamic virtues of the Norway pine are concentrated in Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's own remedy for coughs and colds.

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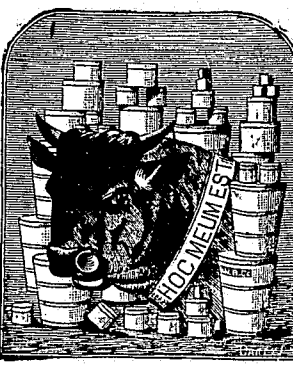
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Salt Mackerel, Finnan Haddie, Smoked Luncheon Halibut in

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in Two Days.

on every

box. 25c.

This signature, *E. M. Brown*

WOMAN

The following paper by read before Society will reading ma women. So by Women what const of women a law. A ce points cited future refer will add to the legal of all wh them—"eve lawyer."

Madam P of the Shale ville.—It is address you cause of your record, bec study of anc ture, becau tion into the people both because of y things which community. organization the circle of 2,000,000 wor country for themselves in speaking a branch of which has within rece Federation of ous force fo all the mover education an of our people receive their the women's country.

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See How Light This Is!



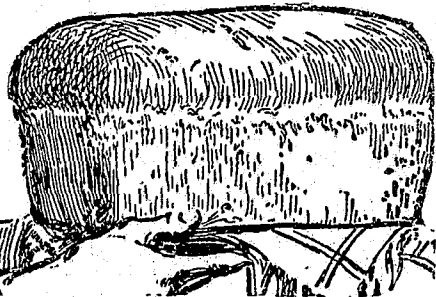
Taste how good it is, learn how wholesome it is,
and you have the whole thing in a nutshell—
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WOMAN AND THE LAW.

The following extracts from a
paper by W. K. Woodbury, Esq.,
read before the Shakespearean
Society will be found interesting
reading matter, particularly for
women. So little is known, even
by Women's Rights women, of
what constitutes the legal rights
of women and her relation to the
law. A careful perusal of the
points cited and a filing away for
future reference of the document
will add to that limited knowledge
the legal facts that may make
—of all who take advantage of
them—"every woman her own
lawyer."

Madam President and Members
of the Shakespeare Society of Potts-
ville.—It is my great pleasure to
address you and your friends, be-
cause of your long and honorable
record, because of your earnest
study of ancient and modern litera-
ture, because of your investiga-
tion into the conditions of the
people both past and present, and
because of your influence in those
things which tend to upbuild the
community. I realize that your
organization is only a segment of
the circle of clubs, comprising over
2,000,000 women, organized in this
country for the improvement of
themselves and others, and that
in speaking to you I am addressing
a branch of the great movement
which has come into existence
within recent years and by its
Federation of Clubs is a tremen-
dous force for good. Indeed nearly
all the movements for the advanced
education and civic improvement
of our people have their origin, or
receive their moral support from
the women's organizations of our
country.

We live in a world of change.
The earth upon which we live is a
constant witness to this. The map
of 1903 must be recast in 1904.
The church is passing from a
system of creeds to the living of a
life, from mere emotion to work,
and from what some seem to fear
are indications of decay to a
mighty activity such has never
been known before.

CONDITION OF WOMAN.

The condition of women in the
world has participated in this
great change for the better. At
the beginning of the last century
the only opportunity for a liberal
education open to women was
through the employment of private
teachers. No college or High
School was open to her. The in-
tellectual "hub" did not permit any
girl to attend common school if
her seat was demanded by a boy.
There were at that time scarcely
any women authors.

Without tracing the change and
improvement, there are now 12
important universities in Great
Britain, nine of which are co-edu-
cational, while two of the remain-
ing three, Oxford and Cambridge,
have women's colleges in connec-
tion with them, offering the same
educational advantages. The uni-
versities of Scotland, Ireland, Aus-
tralia, India, Canada, Norway and
Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Spain
and France have in rapid succe-
sion in the last quarter of a cen-
tury welcomed woman to matricu-
lation.

In the United States, of 472
colleges and universities, 322 are
co-educational, and the State uni-
versities in the north, east and
west are open to women, but a few
in the south still stand out against
the tide of progress, while Harvard,
Yale, Columbia, Princeton and
some other of the leading Ameri-
can colleges are closed to women,
yet Harvard has its Radcliffe,
Columbia its Barnard and Yale
admits women to the post-graduate
courses in law.

To offset these colleges for men,
we have those splendid and finely
equipped women's colleges, Vassar,
Bryn Mawr, Wellesley and Smith,
which maintain an equally high
standard with the universities last
mentioned. Sidney Smith, in a
characteristic essay, made a witty,
gallant plea for better educational
opportunities for women in which
he said: "Women may be inferior
beings, but there seems to be no
reason why a woman of 40 should
be as ignorant as a boy of 12."

CHANGE IN OCCUPATION.

The same change and progress is
noted in the occupations of women.
In 1900, only 35 women and
children were found employed in
the factories of the United States,
and in 1904 only seven occupations
were open to her. During the last
century there was a marvelous
growth of manufactures in the
United States, and women have
reaped the advantage of the in-
crease as well as the men.

The census shows 383 distinct
occupations, exclusive of clerk-
ships, in connection with manu-
factures, and women are reported
to be employed in 371 of these,
that, with the exception of 17, they
work on an equality with men in
all these occupations.

Seventeen per cent. of the total
female population, or a little more
than one in six, are employed in
gainful occupations.

We might inquire into this
marvelous change in the employ-
ment of women in teaching, journal-
ism and in medicine, and in fact
in all other professions with the
exception of the ministry but the
illustrations already used form a
sufficient background for the in-
quiry as to the rights and liabil-
ities of women under the law.

The law, as defined by Black-
stone, is a rule of action prescribed
by a superior and which the in-
ferior is bound to obey, but Judge
Carter in addressing the National
Assn. of Lawyers in New York
several years ago defined law to
be the customs of the people enac-
ted into laws.

All English speaking people
have the common law as the basis
of their jurisprudence, the lex non
scripta of England being the
customs, usages or rules which
have existed so long "that the
mind of man runneth not to the
contrary."

Some States, such as New York,
New Jersey, Virginia, West Vir-
ginia, North Carolina, etc., have
adopted a code which comprises
all of the laws under which the
State is governed, but most of the
States, have the common law as a
which applies in all cases except-
ing those where it has been modifi-
ed by statute.

The whole scope of the law is
divided into Rights and Wrongs;
rights are divided into rights of
persons and rights of things;
wrongs into private wrongs and
public wrongs.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LIBERAL EDU- CATION.

The condition of woman is, in
many respects, less advantageous
than that of man. This difference
is owing in part to nature, and par-
tly to our customs, and to the in-
stitutions of society.

Single women, when of full age,
have all the civil rights of men;
they may, therefore, enter into con-
tracts and engagements; make
wills; sue and be sued; be trustees
or guardians; they may be wit-
nesses, and for that purpose may
attest all papers. In general,
women possess no political power;
they cannot hold office nor vote for
officers unless specially authorized
by law.

At 12 a woman arrives at years
of discretion; at 14, she may
choose a guardian; and at 21, as is
the case of males, she is of full age,
and may exercise all the rights
which are inherent to her sex.

A hundred years ago a married
woman in this country was not
permitted to control her own prop-
erty nor to will it away at death;
to all intents and purposes she did
not own it. The common law in
operation in England and the
United States held husband and
wife to be one and that one the
husband. The burning by the
husband of the house of the wife,
occupied as a dwelling by both,
could not be the foundation of a
conviction for arson, for it was not
the burning of the dwelling of
another because of the unity of
the persons. The legal existence
of the woman was so merged in
that of her husband that she was
said to be "dead in law." Not only
did he control her property, collect
and use her wages, select the
food and clothing for her and their
children, decide upon the education
and religion of their children but
to a very large extent he controlled
her freedom of thought, speech and
action, and collected her literary
earnings. As late as 1800 the at-
tention of the thinking public was
arrested by the recital of the ex-
perience of Mrs. Morton, called the
"woman Byron," a writer of great
power in England, who was forced
by the unbearable conduct of her
dissolute husband to live apart
from him. Yet every six months
he went to her publishers, as by
law he had a right to do, and drew
the amount of royalty on her litera-
ry labor; for the "profit of her
brain" belonged to him. All pos-
sessions passed into the hands of
the husband at marriage. If a
married woman worked for wages,
she could not legally collect them,
as they belonged to her husband;
she could not make a will, sue or
be sued. Indeed in the churches
women were seated on one side
and the men on the other as it was
held that men "could not com-
mend themselves to God unless
relieved of the contaminating in-
fluence of woman."

In 1803 a man sold his wife as a
cow in the Sheffield market (Eng-
land) for a guinea. Newspapers
commented on it as a common
occurrence.

In 1808 a man sold his wife in
Karnesborough (England) for a
sixpence and a quid of tobacco.
Daily newspapers spoke of such
events as growing too common.

NOTE THE CHANGE.

In 1809 the Legislature of Con-
necticut gave to married women
the right to make a will, being the
first state to do so, and, in order to
show the gradual disenfranchisement
of woman in this respect, I will
give you the time of the enact-
ment of similar statutes in other
States: Ohio, 1835; Texas, 1840;
Alabama, 1843; Illinois, 1845; Ver-
mont, 1847; Pennsylvania, 1848.

Maine was the first State in the
union to give woman control of
her separate property which she
did in 1844, and other States to
take similar action have been:
New York and Pennsylvania,
1848, etc.

I have said that the husband
controlled the wages of his wife.
Women have been granted the
right to their own wages, begin-
ning with Massachusetts in 1855,
and followed by other States in
the order named: Michigan, 1856;
Maine, 1857; New Hampshire and
New York, 1860; Colorado, 1861;
Kansas 1868; Wyoming, 1869;
Minnesota and Illinois, 1869; Iowa,
1870; Pennsylvania and Wiscon-
sin, 1872; &c.

The right to vote for school
directors and to hold the position
of school director in the various
States has been granted as follows:
Kentucky, widows with children
and property, 1833; and spinsters
having taxable property, 1845;
Michigan and Minnesota, 1875;
Colorado, 1876; New Hampshire
and Oregon, 1878; Massachusetts,
1879; New York and Vermont,
1880; Nebraska, 1883; Wisconsin,
1885; Washington, 1886; Arizona,
Montana, New Jersey, North and
South Dakota, 1887; Illinois 1891;
Connecticut, 1893; Ohio, 1894.

Municipal suffrage was granted
in Kansas in 1887.

To be continued.

Happy, Healthy Children.

Any child can take Little Early
Risers with perfect safety. They
are harmless, never gripe or sicken,
and yet they are so certain in re-
sults that robust constitutions re-
quiring drastic means are never
disappointed. They cannot fail to
perform their mission and every
one who uses DeWitt's Little
Early Risers prefer them to all
other pills. They cure biliousness.

MADE HIM A NEW MAN

THINKS L. F. MEDICINE
A BOON TO MANKIND

"I wish to say a few words in praise of the
True L. F. Atwood's Bitters. I have taken it
for years and find it to be the best all round
laxative medicine I can get. I was feeling
very bad last spring and took several bottles
and it made me feel like a new man. If this
testimonial will be of any use to you in increas-
ing the sale of your medicine you are at liberty
to use it. This medicine is truly a boon to
all mankind."—S. W. Gordon, Chesterville, Me.

THE TRUE L. F. RENEWS THE EN-
ERGIES AND IMPARTS VIGOR AND
STRENGTH TO BODY AND MIND

CURIOSITIES OF ENGLISH.

Amusing Verbal Struggles of Aspiring
Foreigners.

The other day a firm of Edinburgh
publishers received from an Italian
newspaper editor, in the following
terms, an application for a book that
had recently appeared:

"Sir—You will make a thing grac-
ious to us and at the same time use-
ful to diffusion of knowledge, if you
will send to us as a gift your recent
publication signed in the address.
That might be useful, in the limits of
our power, to the diffusion of the
book. We will send to you the fasci-
cles, in which the book will be an-
nounced and examined, and if the ex-
change of gifts will be pursued, our
"Review" might be sent to you regu-
larly."

Where the style of composition is
dictated by "Cupid's productive hand"
and "the intellectual cranium" has
been entangled in thoughtful atti-
tude," as in one composition, it is not
surprising that the writer should be-
come dithyrambic. This same tone
may be observed in the following ap-
plication for a clerkship:

"I beg to say that philosophic say-
ing of days of yore and of modern
theologist based on best truths to the
effect that the sunshine and storms
of life go hand in hand, are but theo-
retical and negative to me alone, since
my introduction to the sphere up to
the present stage, I am journeying
through the vale of life with none to
help and none to free me from the
cruel jaws of chill penury though pos-
sessed of minions of splendor. Never-
theless I am, which keep up my feel-
ings of patience, and to stand on firm
foot amidst the heart-rending difficul-
ties by the phantoms of melancholy."

A Calcutta editor once received an
offer of assistance which, if accepted,
would undoubtedly have placed his
paper high on the list of comic jour-
nals. "I would be appearing in your
columns," wrote a literary aspirant,
"as 'A Political Bahadur.' The tone
of my style would be mostly high-
class refined humourism and narra-
tive style. 'Amrita-Bazar Patrika,'
"The Mahratta," "The Hindu," "The
Champion"—these four bitter foes of
the government would be made the
target of my sound criticism. Force
of argument, skill of reasonableness
and logic of facts would mark my
style. Vituperating remarks, ribald
writing and scurrilous ideas will be
avoided. Strengthening of assertions
and theories will be based on conclu-
sive evidences. Native reptile presses,
which constitute the reproach of In-
dian societies, will be cured of their
Babubhobia maladies by the reasona-
ble strictures of my remarks. Below
I hand you over a specimen of my
writing which I give in as brief words
as possible. I request the favor of a
reply. In case I may not be approved
of as paid correspondents, I shall feel
obliged of hearing a negative reply."

The desired obligation, doubtless,
was not lacking.—Herbert W. Hor-
will, in Harper's Weekly.

Hot Shot from the Ranks.

Colonel of Militia (to private of
same)—Button your blouse, sir! How
dare you appear for parade in that con-
dition?

Private (who in civil life bought the



suit from his colonel, a tailor)—If
you'd cut this coat right, you blasted
idiot, I'd have no trouble in button-
ing it.—Diegenide Blaetter.

Hospitality Limited.

The Anson Phelps Stokeses have a
very large and imposing place in the
Berkshire Hills, and their hospitality
is famous. The following incident,
however, shows that even the cap-
acity of that hospitable house was lim-
ited:

Some time ago the son of the fam-
ily was at Yale. It was early in Octo-
ber the time when the Berkshire re-
gion is at its best. Young Stokes
thought he would take a half dozen
or so of his classmates up with him
on Friday and keep them over Sun-
day. So as to make sure that every-
thing would be in readiness, he sent
a telegram ahead, which read:

"I am going to bring a party of '03
men up to stay over Sunday."
This was the reply he got from
one of the family:

"Can accommodate twenty-five or
thirty, but not room enough for nine-
ty-six."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mr. Payne Knew the Lady.

Postmaster-General Payne was re-
cently questioned about some charges
against one of the officials of his de-
partment.

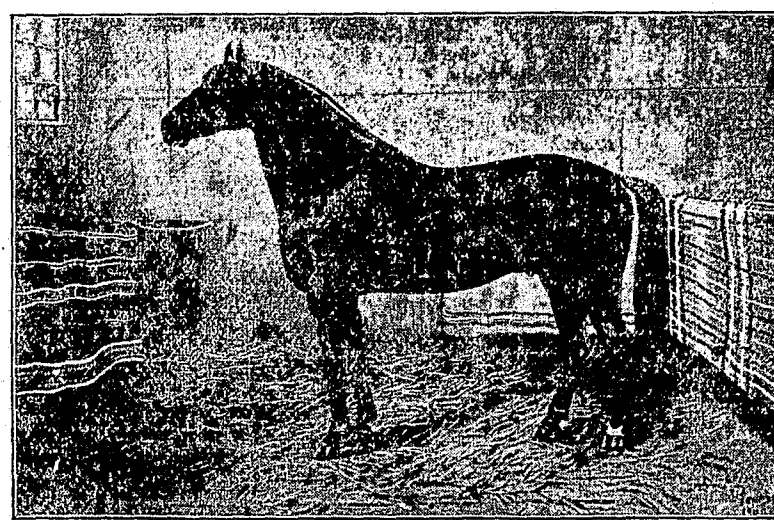
"It is not clear who brought these
charges," said Mr. Payne.

"They were worked up by Charlotte
Smith," suggested his interviewer.

"She is a reformer who is a familiar
figure at the Capital."
"Charlotte Smith?" repeated the
Postmaster-General. "Yes, I know
her. Father's everything; mother's
nothing."—Collier's Weekly.

EL SABLE, 28046,

Trial 2:30 1-4



By Guy Wilkes 2:15 1/4, sire of 75 trotters and 12 pacers in 2:30 list. Dam Sable
(dam of four in 2:30) all own brothers and sisters to El Sable. One of them sired
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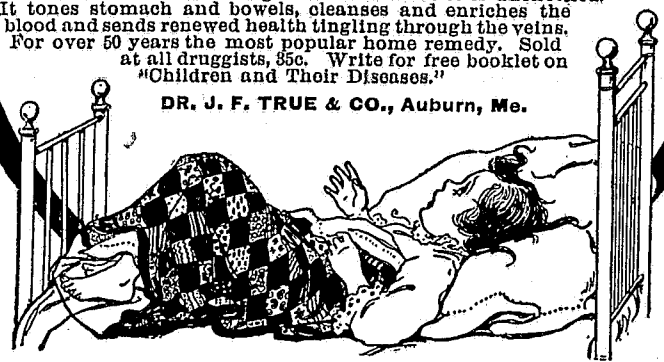
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3w43 CHAS. POOLE

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I have a high-bred female dog about eight months old, which I would give to some reliable party on a farm.

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A man and his wife to take charge of the Bethel Town farm, to commence April 13, 1904. Apply to the Overseers of the Poor, Bethel, Maine.

BRYANT POND.

Mrs. M. C. Allen was in Norway one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Billings went to Norway Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Libby of Poland, were at Albert Mountfort's the 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Small of Dixfield, were with Mrs. Small's mother, Mrs. Dunham, a few days last week.

Mrs. Jennie Lurvey is caring for Mrs. Edgar Jordan.

Masters Kenneth and Rupert Hathaway recently visited their aunt, Mrs. Elden Ross.

Roscoe Merrill is working for D. D. Peverley.

Arthur Besse has lately purchased the Jimmy Gorman farm.

Mrs. Betsey Blodgett worked for Mrs. George Judkins last week.

Mrs. Virgil Wilson of South Paris, spent Sunday and Monday with her mother, Mrs. Edna Judkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson, Deck Peverley, wife and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reed, West Paris, Sunday.

The friends of Mrs. Enos Chamberlin will be saddened to hear, after an illness of eleven weeks, she passed to the higher life March 20. Mrs. Chamberlin was the youngest daughter of Rufus and Chloe Farrar of this town, and lived here until her marriage with Mr. Chamberlin in 1873, since then she has lived in Bridgton, except a few years when they resided in Harrison. Mr. Chamberlin died January 31, 1903.

DIED.

In Brooklyn, N.Y., March 14, Mr. Geo. H. Shirley, aged 87 years.

In Bethel, March 20, Lillian Morrill, aged 11 years, 8 months.

In Rumford Falls, March 12, Mrs. Gilbert Chapman, aged 74 years, 1 month and 8 days.

In South Paris, March 14, Elizabeth, wife of William F. Marston, aged 18 years.

In Charlestown, Mass., March 10, Mrs. Fannie Bean, wife of Thomas Morrill, aged 56 years.

Wanted.

Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing.

43 EDW. KING,
Bethel, Maine.

"I have often wondered," said the philosopher, backing up to the fireplace, "what becomes of all the hair the barber cuts off your head."

"Well, I never did," replied the nifty barber, helping himself to another piece of fudge, "all he cuts off mine usually goes down my neck."

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NORTH ALBANY.

Mrs. F. A. Bennett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cole, at Newry Corner.

Mrs. Kenerson and daughter Blanche are working for Mrs. Swett at West Bethel.

Dr. Twaddle was in this place last Friday.

Lyman Chute is boarding with Bert Brown while finishing his pulp job for Will Chadborne.

Etta Judkins has gone to Mason to live with her sister.

Douglass Cushing is hauling pulp wood for Mr. Chute.

Mr. Towne is cutting wood for C. P. Pingree this week.

The roads are very good for this time of year in this place, and the lumbermen have their jobs nearly finished.

B. B. Foster spent Sunday with his sister and family in this place.

A. G. Bean was in this place last Thursday.

Shoes to Last a Lifetime.

Say, Mr. Shoemaker, would you rather have your customers speak of your shoes as wearing well, as not running down at the heel, as turning water, and taking a shine; or wag their heads and say nothing?

We'd rather have ours, at long intervals, say: "We want some more paint, and we want Devco." We know it isn't in human nature to paint very often; we don't expect them to come very often; don't want 'em to. All we want is to paint what they have to paint, whenever they paint it; the longer the time, the surer they are to come back. There's business enough in the world; there are houses enough to paint; let 'em take their time.

If we were a shoemaker, we'd make shoes to last half a lifetime, and shoe the whole town.

G. R. WILEY.

NORTH NEWRY.

The weather still continues cold and is fine for the loggers.

Warren Emery's teams were at E. P. Chapman's after hay Tuesday. We are glad to see Mr. Emery moving back into his house again.

The Fair and Sapper at the hall Saturday night was enjoyed by all. The receipts were \$58.00. Mrs. M. L. Thurston received \$5.00 from C. B. Foster of Everett, Mass., for the church fund. H. F. Thurston was the lucky one to receive the guess cake; it was a fine one made by Mrs. W. D. Kilgore.

Lyman Wheeler was in town last week getting subscribers for the Bethel News.

Eli W. Stearns has been confined to the house for a few days with the gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Howard of Rumford were calling on friends in town Monday and Tuesday.

The Mother Who Laughs.

There are many conscientious fathers and mothers who make themselves and their children miserable by taking youthful foibles too seriously. It is an innate propensity of a child to possess of average good health and spirits to make older people laugh with him; not at him, but at the things that seem amusing to his own sense. And the mother who has the blithe and ready humor to enter into his fun becomes his most fascinating companion.

He heeds her rebuke and bends to her correction without ill feeling where sternness would arouse his pride and ire, for he is assured that she is ready to share all his innocent pranks, and that her disapproval has no foundation in impatience or injustice.

And when the day arrives that "childish things are put away," and the grown man and woman look backward to their early home with what a throb of pleasure they say, when things happen, "Mother would appreciate this: she had the quickest sense of humor of any woman I ever saw!" And underneath these light words is the thought, "How happy that dear mother made me, and how I love her!"

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GIRL'S SUSPENDER COSTUME.

Consisting of Box Plaited Gumpie and Skirt with Suspenders. Suspenders frocks make one of the latest novelties for little girls and are exceedingly charming. This one is made with a box plaited gumpie of white lawn, while the dress itself is of rose colored cashmere, stitched



with silk, and is delightful in color as well as style, but the design can be reproduced in any of the season's materials, in any shade that may be preferred. The suspenders, which make the essential characteristic, are delightfully childish in effect and also serve to keep the skirt in place.

The dress consists of the gumpie, skirt and suspenders. The gumpie is laid in box plaits that are stitched at each edge and is closed invisibly beneath the one at centre back. The sleeves are plaited above the elbows, but soft and full below. The skirt is straight and laid in box plaits whose edges meet at the belt and flare apart slightly as they approach the lower edge. The suspenders are made in two sections each, the back ones cut in points that overlap the front, and are attached to the belt by means of buttons.

A Girl of Bits.

A bit of ribbon, a wisp of lace, a scrap of chiffon, the fragment of a feather—this is the hat of the "bits" girl, while her gowns are adorned in the same irresponsible fashion. Watch her going down town on a morning full of conscious pride in her piece-meal toilet, with a little swagger in her walk, plenty of frayed edge visible at the hem of her skirt, usually a pair of downtrodden heels very much in evidence, while her showy kid gloves present more than one peeping finger-tip.

Should a sportive wind meet the "bits" girl at some unsheltered corner there is a frantic striving to catch the hat, from which the bits of its trimming are swiftly parting; a desperate clutching at the lace and furbelows that float round her neck and flutter over the collar of the nearly always buttonless coat.

Bargain sales find the "bits" girl very much to the fore. Bits, bits, bits, always those everlasting bits. Never by any chance does she buy enough material to make any one garment, it is always those everlasting bits of this, bits of that, bits of the other. Even her coats and skirts are certain to be short somewhere of their original basis, a bow being dabbed on her or a streamer of chiffon suspended there to hide the deficiency.

Folks smile at the "bits" girl, this typical daughter of suburbia, but shake their heads mournfully if the mere mention of marriage is made in connection with her name.

To Preserve Brushes.

Good hair brushes are costly items, and a way to keep the bristles stiff and clean for years is worth knowing. A Russian coiffeur gives this recipe: Have ready two basins; put a lump of soda the size of a walnut in one and three parts fill it with boiling water; the other basin should be three parts filled with water as cold as you can get it, to which you have added sufficient lemon juice or good white vinegar to give it a noticeably acid taste. Shake the bristles of the brush well up and down in the boiling water till they are clean, then at once rinse them thoroughly in the cold water and stand them up to dry in the air or in a warm place, but not too near the fire. Of course, the backs of the brushes must not be wetted.

Teaching a Child to Lie.

It is sad, but true, that one of the first lessons the child ordinarily learns from his nurse or his parents is falsehood. The teaching is by no means deliberate, for they all condemn it severely, and are quite unconscious that, day by day, they are teaching it.

Poor baby, innocent and trusting, is given a medicine and told that it is nice; he takes it honestly and finds it nasty. Will he believe mother or nurse the next time? Again, he begs for something he sees, and is told that it is bad, but a little later to "quiet" him, if he frets, he is given the thing he wants, and finds it—not bad, but very nice and desirable.

Physical Culture Don'ts.

Don't exercise for at least an hour after meals.

Don't use too much force. If exercise is too vigorous you will be exhausted before you can complete it.

Don't exercise one part of the body too much and another part not at all. Let the development be symmetrical.

Don't exercise beyond the ability of the heart to keep pace with you. Palpitation is a certain indication of excess.

Don't forget to inhale slowly and deeply when performing any exercise. This will make the chest deep and full.

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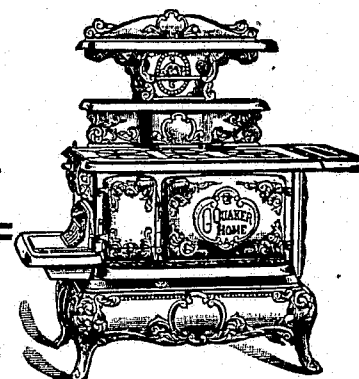
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